

RFCA Stakeholder Focus Group

Meeting Summary

June 29, 2000

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Welcome, Introduction, Ground Rules, and Agenda Review

These focus group meetings are intended as a cooperative forum, which encourages active participation characterized by a spirit of tolerance, candor, and consideration toward all participants and a level of preparedness and professionalism necessary to achieve the goals set forth by the group.

The focus group meetings will incorporate interactive presentations which accommodate facilitated questions and answers throughout. The Meetings are intended as a cumulative process to advance the discussion of closure issues. Meeting summaries with supporting documentation, upcoming meeting logistics, agenda, and list of presenters, will be posted on the RFFO web site under Environmental Restoration.

Purpose of First Meeting

- Discuss purpose, goals and technical scope of the newly formed group
- Discuss need for holistic approach to ER decision-making
- Provide examples of pending ER issues that need resolution
- Discuss logistics of future meetings

SYNOPSIS OF FIRST MEETING

Joe Legare, DOE, began the meeting and explained the primary focus of the group will be to work collaboratively to discuss the wide range of cleanup issues to be resolved and decisions to be made to safely close Rocky Flats. The group will strive to address issues holistically and explore the interrelationships among the numerous environmental restoration (ER) activities. The schedule for discussion topics will be organized around deliverable dates for key ER projects, starting with Radionuclide Soil Action Levels and the 903 Pad remediation. Legare noted that the group's success is heavily reliant upon each individual's commitment to the process and to sufficient preparation for each meeting.

Legare presented an Integrated Environmental Restoration Model for the group's consideration. The ER model, which will serve as the Focus Group's guidance tool, consists of a list of evaluation criteria for ER decision making, a list of up coming ER decisions, and an outline of the proposed RFCA Integrating Decision Document (RIDD). The RIDD is a proposed regulatory decision document that integrates the necessary response actions to achieve the final Site condition and rolls up all of the accelerated cleanup actions. The evaluation criteria proposed in the model are:

- Protection of Human Health and the Environment
- Community Values

- Water/Soil & Other Natural Resources Restoration
- Technical
- Regulatory
- Economic

A comprehensive understanding of the following four issues, presented by Joe Legare, Steve Gunderson (CDPHE), Tim Rehder (EPA), and Laura Brooks (KH), is integral to the ER decision making process:

- Water Management
- Institutional Controls
- Site Characterization
- Stewardship Impacts.

The group's deliberation of such upcoming issues as the 903 Pad, regulatory analysis of RSALs, actinide migration evaluation, land use scenarios, soil erosion modeling, risk assessment constructs, and surface water management will necessarily incorporate this understanding.

Focus Group Goals

- To forecast decisions, policies, and issues that require deliberation.
- To integrate the issues and discussions of other meetings into cohesive input into the decision-making process. (However, these Focus Group meetings are not intended to subsume any other group or meeting process.)
- To strive for real links between discussions and decisions.
- To address each priority with a set of evaluation criteria in order to present a quality of input which is most useful to the decision-making process and fosters a present and future tense stewardship
- To evaluate the criteria for formulating input into the decision making process.
- To shape rather than make ER decisions.

The Tenets of Stewardship

- Determining and understanding the impact(s) of alternative clean up scenarios on long-term costs and activities before making recommendations and proffering influential input.
- The nature and scope of maintenance and monitoring relative to costs, plausible goals, realistic ways/means/reasons.
- Public safety during clean up processes.
- Determining the end state we want to see and then working backwards to decisions.
- Institutional controls -- those legal instruments for limiting future use of a property and thereby limiting exposure to contaminants.

Focus Group Logistics

Paul Hartmann, DOE, discussed logistics for future meetings. Initially the group will meet twice a month, every other Wednesday, per the published syllabus. The group

indicated it would prefer the same location for meetings and the City of Broomfield extended an offer to use the Broomfield City Hall for the near future. It was agreed that there is no perfect time for meetings to be held, but that 4:30 to 6:30 was a good compromise. Alternate logistics may be discussed at future meetings if the Focus Group would like to change locations.

Next Meeting –

Wednesday, July 19, 2000
Broomfield City Hall
Zanespur Room
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The two main agenda items for the next meeting are the 903 Pad Project and CERCLA decision-making criteria.